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Red Letter Day As First CET Class Goes To Work

June 24, 1993 was a historic day for New Community and a day which will long be remembered by nine Harmony House residents. The NCC CET Home Health Aide Course, which they successfully completed, merited certification for each one. The New Community Corporation Center for Employment Training now has its first students with jobs.

During the ceremony Magr. Linder encouraged the ladies in an inspiring message to consider this achievement as a stepping stone to the world of professional nursing. He in essence told them, "You've only just begun."

As the program moved along, it became increasingly apparent that graduates and their children could sing. In fact, there was no room for doubt, as the nine women processed proudly to the stage in the New Community Medical Day Care Center, that they believed what they sang as they belted out, "We've Come This Far by Faith." The children in turn gave a warm and loving musical tribute to their Mothers with the song, "I Love You." Their participation was such a

joy. Belinda Crank, one of the graduates, offered a beautiful rendition of "Lean on Me" which brought tears to many eyes. The class song, "The Greatest Love of All," was movingly sung by all students.

Emily Ross, St. Rose Musical Director, was acknowledged by the class representative, Veronica Hinnans, as the prime mover for the musical selections. Veronica also thanked Sister Ann Tumulty, Director of Home Health and her staff, Jeanette P. Hawkins and June Rodriguez, Harmony House Administrators. Everyone involved in helping the women to succeed was recognized.

Each student was awarded her certificate by June Rodriguez. A long stemmed red rose given by Ms. Hawkins signified the pride all felt in them.

Florence Williams, Director of Human Services, closed the ceremony with appropriate "thank-you's" for all those involved with CET, including the graduates and the Home Health Department.



Smiles went from ear to ear and pride was beaming as bright as the sun when these outstanding women of Harmony House became the first class to complete the NCC CET Home Health Aide Training Course.

Friends and relatives who happily held the babies of the graduates were present. The afternoon ended with the

cutting of the congratulatory cake. Our hearty congratulations to all of you.

New Community Foundation's First Year Is A Fruitful One

A violent storm with lightning tearing the darkened sky greeted those gathering at the seven year old New Community Extended Care Facility (ECF) for the New Community Foundation's First Annual Board of Trustees Meeting, but it did not hinder the attendance. The facility was chosen for the meeting in order to acquaint board members with some of New Community's work firsthand.

Karen Marsh, Administrator of Extended Care and Dr. Danielle Brought, ASC, Director of Nursing, reviewed the current use of both the residential part of the facility for long term care and the Medical Day Care component which prevents premature institutionalization of mentally and physically disabled people as young as 35 years old to 50 years old. The need for the extended care facility was highlighted by Dr. Danielle's observation that ten of the 180 residents are over 95 years of age, underscoring the fact that today people are living longer.

The New Community Foundation



Jack Mullen and Maureen Broglio listen intently as Monsignor Linder addresses the board of trustees at their first annual meeting.

(NCF), first formed twenty-five years ago to raise seed money for the fledgling New Community Corporation (NCC), was restructured last year to meet present needs. Chairman of the Board Jack Mullen reviewed the past year and looked at its agenda for 1994.

The revised Foundation functions as a consulting firm to New Community, providing advice and counsel to assist the network in maximizing the effectiveness of its programs and services; it will also endeavor to develop resources for new and existing projects.

Five working committees direct energy into: Education and Training, Finance, Development and Management

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Congresswoman Roukema Honored

New Jersey's delegates such as Congresswoman Marge Roukema successfully represent our State in Washington because they realize that the only way to effectively serve our country and represent their district is by considering the State of New Jersey as a whole. And Congresswoman Roukema is an excellent example of a Congressperson whose district is not Newark, but who believes that to see improvement in her district and in our State we must not overlook the needs of our cities.

Back in October of 1992, New Community honored Senators Bradley and Lautenberg and Congressman Payne. Congresswoman Roukema was to be part of that wonderful evening, but was ill and had to cancel.

Because of the Congresswoman's strong interest in the homeless and health care and her role on the Education Committee, it seemed only natural that we could honor her at the home health aide training class of the Center for Employment Training (CET) currently at Harmony House.

Congresswoman Roukema was honored for the strong backing which she gives to New Community through letters of support, highlighting us to her colleagues, and providing our staff with the technical assistance that we sometimes need, either on issues of housing or job training. Despite the many demands made on her and her staff by her own district, Con-

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What's Ahead???



Hooray! The youngsters from Babyland III reached the first of many milestones when they graduated on June 8th, 1993.

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Department Of Community Affairs: A Hard Working Partnership

Most people take awhile to get used to a new assignment, but when Stephanie R. Bush received her appointment from Governor Florio eight months ago as Commissioner of Community Affairs, she wasn't allowed that luxury. Instead, it was like being rocketed into orbit, for a week after joining his cabinet, a bill came before the Assembly Housing Committee to dismantle her department.

"It was a quick learning experience" is how she described the rapid defense she mounted. When her chief of staff Lela Keels arrived on board a week

later, her first day was spent at a hearing listening to the Commissioner testify. However, within two weeks Commissioner Bush and her staff presented a unified front, due to her hands on approach and genuine interest in "what the department did, what it was about and who it serves" and their continued existence was justified.



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For those who are not familiar with it, the Department of Community Affairs began in 1967, formed by Gov. Richard J. Hughes, as an advocate for local government but with the prime purpose of dealing with the issues of people — as evident in its focus on

women, aging, housing, local government services, Hispanic research and development and community resources among others. The Commissioner tells people, "We are an empowerment department. If you're dealing with community development and urban development, that is what your mission is, but your philosophy is empowerment, that's how we do everything."

Reflecting this empowerment philosophy was an overflow crowd of people gathered at the hearings to close down the department — people who said "leave it alone" and obviously were prepared to defend it as well.

With that hurdle behind her, the Commissioner sees as her goal a comprehensive housing policy which espouses a "philosophy of housing" for the State of New Jersey, meaning not just a government entity, but one which the people can believe in. To deal with

"We are an Empowerment Department."

Commissioner Stephanie Bush

housing, she explained, is to deal not only with the structures, but with the people who are within them, including the support system which will meet their needs and allow them to be self-sufficient. (The Commissioner directs people to the Department of Human Services if they want to be taken care of.) This would mean "looking at how we house people from birth to death, then applying the measuring stick of how we should be housing them, looking at what the difference is and determining how do we get to where the ideal is and, is it cost effective." Three factors would enter the equation — age, socioeconomic level and medical or physical ability or inability.

Thanks to the clarification necessary in the defense of the department, the divisions are working better together than ever. "We're looking at various situational settings for housing — for example, how do we house our infants who are healthy but don't have parents to care for them?" A look at how the state houses our frail elderly, who may not yet need to be in a nursing home, and working couples at minimum wage with children is also in progress. By reviewing what exists enables the department to assess its resources; whether those resources apply to what is needed will now be evaluated. Perhaps when the measuring stick is applied it will lead to change.

"Let's erase the black board" describes the Commissioner's approach to the future, for, "oftentimes we really get stuck in doing things the way we have in the past." An example of this might be the federal regulation that money could really only be used to put people (homeless) in welfare motels. Work is being done to "change the regulation so that instead of paying \$1,500 a month for a motel room, it's looking to move that money for more transitional and permanent housing that is more nurturing." So it's really a great time to be involved in housing policy," the DCA head concluded, at a "threshold of possible change."

A change such as the one described above would free up additional money because \$1,500 would subsidize three apartments instead of one and make emergency housing more cost effective and emotionally validating, she added. The Commissioner believes that monies exist, but "we need to re-evaluate the way we spend them." This would entail "breaking down many of the barriers to prevent us from spending them in the most appropriate way."

Another initiative the department is looking at is a collaborative effort (such as the one concerning housing policy) when people seek help in general. Take for example the frail elderly as mentioned earlier. In this case there would be at the table reviewing the needs not only the Division of Housing but the Division on Aging and maybe the Division on Women (since as we get older women seem to live longer). The question would then be asked, "What is the need?" and the resources of the whole department would be applied to fulfill that need.

That brings us to computers. Perhaps "coming around the table" may mean "punching it into the computer to see what comes up to meet those needs," said Commissioner Bush. Not a typist herself, one of the first things the new cabinet member did was have a terminal installed in her office. She had noticed that computers were in the office but remained dark because people were afraid to use them. She began immediately to use electronic mail and override requests to "send it to my secretary." Communication has been much faster (interoffice mail could take 3 days) and results have been outstanding. "It has really improved accountability," said her Chief of Staff.

In the Division on Women, the Commissioner has joined Director Robert Francis at a few of the many meetings she has had in 21 counties to provide forums by which women can come and speak about their issues and ask their questions. Essex County College had one of the largest groups attending.

The Commissioner thought this would also be good for the Division on Aging and informally has gone with

Development, an assistant commissioner and the commissioner of DCA, the executive director and a representative of the Housing Mortgage Finance Agency and the director of the



Newark Housing Authority. "There's affordable housing coming in," she assured us.

Commissioner Bush enjoys making government very alive to the people. "I really believe that it's a great partnership and that both sides have the responsibility to make sure that they're working on the partnership." She encourages people to take the initiative to be part of the process — even to send postcards to legislators and people who represent them.

The Commissioner talked again about "erasing the black board" to begin to do things differently with a pared down staff herself. Many of the remedies for keeping the elderly independent as long as possible may very well depend on the cooperation of not only the government but each and every one of us to pitch in and fill in the gaps in care for our neighbors.

The Commissioner's job, she related, is "all about people and improving the quality of life for people who otherwise would not have a voice." But a lot depends on those partners too.



Director Lois Hull to five buildings so far. "People so often feel that there's government and then there's them," she said. "I keep telling them, no you are government and we are government — we're all the same." It really surprises all of them that a cabinet member is there talking to them. Commissioner Bush emphasizes an 800 number which they can call anytime, which goes into the Department on Aging and is available to answer any questions.

Seeing the participation of the people in both forums has been a good feeling, according to the Commissioner. There are still questions to be answered concerning housing, not only for seniors, but for the 40 year old who is physically disabled but mentally fine, because right now they're going into nursing homes. It's really applying the formula and the philosophy of housing to provide an answer with dignity.

Replacement housing in Newark is also being looked at by a task force meeting once a month with the mayor, representatives of Housing and Urban

Pathmark Associate Of The Month

Geraldine Walker was chosen Associate of the Month by Pathmark manager, Bill Simmons.

"She is one of the most loyal, dedicated and hardworking persons to ever walk through Bergen Street's doors," said Simmons.

"Whenever a customer or fellow employee needs help, Gerry is the first one there to give whatever help she can and she does it with a smile and pride," he went on. She is truly one of Pathmark's best.



Geraldine Walker

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People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development, (201) 482-0682.

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Foundation's First Year...

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ment, Health, Housing and Commercial Development, and Public Relations.

The Education and Training Committee, co-chaired by Donald Mann and John Noonan, has been working on a St. Rose of Lima Computer Education Program, New Community Educational Partnerships and a feasibility study for a New Community High School and/or New Community University. An Industrial Advisory Board for NCC Center for Employment Training (CET) has been formed and Management Training has begun with enrollment of NCC staff can-

being created. One of these is Project Hope, bringing together NCC, the Robert Wood Foundation and the Knights of Malta Foundation in the planning of a joint health project utilizing NCC's community network and Project Hope extension third world health experience in order to initiate a response to the poor state of public health in Newark.

With affordable housing of prime concern, the Advisory Committee on Housing and Commercial Development under Len Lieberman is looking to encourage establishment of a NJ Low Income Tax Credit Pool to attract corporate investors.



Commemorating the occasion with a photograph are executive committee members: Frank Walsh, Jack Mullin, Maureen Broglia, Nick Cirigliano and A. Zachary Yamba.

didates in corporate training programs to enhance their abilities.

The goal of the Computer Education Program is to provide the administration, faculty and students of St. Rose School with computer hardware, software and training under the direction of a Computer Administrator/Teacher. Principal Art Wilson's office has been computerized and his staff trained as of May, 1993.

Educational Partnerships include an Urban/Suburban Elementary Educational Exchange Program "EX-CEL" bringing together in partnership the urban school, the suburb with program components such as joint faculty meetings, student cultural and academic exchanges, shared events, joint programs, community volunteers.

One of the special projects of Foundation trustee Ralph Del Deso is trying to provide scholarship assistance to deserving New Community Students attending alternative elementary and secondary schools. A committee of young professionals would select recipients and develop an endowment fund. These fund raising activities would be organized by an autonomous committee to support annual scholarship needs.

A Health Retreat, with Dave Collins and Beverly Dunston co-chairing, looked into developing a strategic plan to identify, classify and coordinate health service programs for the New Community population to the year 2000. Health education for the New Community Service Population was also provided by the Health Committee.

In an attempt to expand health services to people of the New Community Network, innovative programs and unique partnerships or synergies are

The work of the Advisory Committee on Financial and Resource Development is aiming at the cultivation of potential donors. It plans to bring on board a funding officer and will extend an invitation to people who will be potentially involved. The com-



Beverly Dunston bestows a flower of gratitude to Jack Mullin on behalf of the Foundation.

mittee will review prospective projects and make recommendations to the foundation Board of Trustees on selections for support.

A busy Advisory Committee on Public Relations is working on public relations strategic plan, a Health Retreat video, the 25th Anniversary special events, radio programs, establishing media liaisons, a brochure for the scholarship committee and general public relations support.

A special project at the administrator's office in the Extended Care Facility, under the direction of Maureen Broglia, will computerize an interdisciplinary care planning system, automizing resident care paper work and freeing staff to spend more time with patients.

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Other special projects include an October Concert by the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, the 25th Anniversary Commemorative Gala Ball Journal and a single 25th Anniversary benefit concert at Newark Symphony hall.

At the conclusion of the meeting a video presentation of the New Community Health Services proved informative

to those attending.

A marvelous display of fresh fruits and cheeses gave Joe Rodriguez, chef at the Extended Care Facility, an opportunity to display both his artistic talents and the fine quality of food enjoyed by residents, while allowing time for conversation and a bit of celebration.



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Volunteers Help Homeless

New Community Harmony House is proud of volunteers Cecilia Faulks and Lisa Fraizer for having gone above and beyond their regular support as youth literacy reader and tutor, respectively, to raise money in the Volunteer-A-Thon sponsored by The Volunteer Center of Greater Essex County. For this fundraiser, volunteers were asked to find sponsors for the hours they worked between April 22nd and May 21st. The monies raised will be shared by Harmony House and the Volunteer

Center.

Ms. Faulks raised an outstanding \$447.00. Harmony House is especially excited because this makes Ms. Faulks the individual who has raised the most money in the entire Volunteer-A-Thon. She was recognized on June 8th at the Volunteer Center Annual Meeting.

The money raised will be used by Harmony House to help the Family and Youth Summer Programs.



Helen Wright (left) and Nancy Richardson (right) of the Volunteer Center of Greater Essex County congratulate our own Cecilia Faulks for her outstanding volunteer work.

Children's Jazz Concert

On Saturday, June 19, the Harmony House Youth Staff took advantage of an opportunity to listen and learn about some of the great jazz musicians like Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis and others thanks to a free Jazz Concert series designed for children; sponsored by WGO FM/Jazz 88 and New Jersey Bell.

The children were given a tour of the

WGO studio and then sat through a set by singer duo Marion Cowlings and Kim Kalesti. The live performance was very different for this generation of Bebop, Hip Hop children. They heard music without words and liked it. So, all-in-all they enjoyed the experience.

Albert Workfield
Youth Program Coordinator



The kids from Harmony House had a truly mind expanding visit to WGO FM.

Summer Begins At Harmony House

The end of the school year is here. The children and staff of Harmony House are anticipating a very hot summer. Some exciting events are scheduled. Kicking off the summer season will be trips to the beach every Monday, followed by trips to amusement parks every Friday. The Harmony House Summer Schedule consists of the following activities:

MONDAYS

July 12th - Round Valley
July 19th - Lake Hopatcong
July 26th - Stokes Beach
FRIDAYS
July 9th - Hershey Park
July 16th - Seaside Heights
July 23rd - Fairytale Forest
July 30th - Dorney Park

July promises to be a very relaxing and fun-filled month for the children. The summer season continues into August with trips to beaches on every Monday. In the month of August,

however, emphasis will be placed on educational and historical trips. Tuesday through Friday have been set aside for this purpose, thereby preparing our youth for the upcoming school year.

The trips include:

MONDAY

August 2nd - High Point
August 9th - Island Beach
August 16th - Spruce Run
August 23rd - Cheesecake

WEEKDAYS

August 10th - Bronx Zoo
August 12th - Historical PA
August 13th - Penn Dutch Country
August 19th - United Nations
August 20th - Liberty Science Ctr.
The summer will conclude with an End of the Summer Blast! We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

Albert Workfield
Youth Program Coordinator

Congresswoman Roukema...

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gresswoman Roukema and her staff always seem to have time for us. Charlotte Neely, a student, spoke eloquently on behalf of the class about what this course has meant to her. Congresswoman Roukema spoke to the women about the importance of reliable high quality home health care, particularly since she personally had to rely on home health aides when she was caring for an ailing family member. The Congresswoman

was particularly moved by Ms. Neely's closing comment that now, not only has the course helped her advance personally, but it's motivated her children to improve — "If Mom can do it, so can we." Congresswoman Roukema echoed her thought that job training helps the whole family.

New Community thanks you, Congresswoman Roukema, for all you do for us. We're glad we finally had an opportunity to recognize you for your service.



It was an uplifting experience for members of the NCC CET Home Health Aide Training Course when Congresswoman Marge Roukema visited and shared her personal experience with them.

A Visit With Archbishop Tutu

On Tuesday, May 25, 1993, ten (10) children from Harmony House were escorted to a very, very special event to see the famous 1984 Nobel Prize Winner from South Africa, Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The Archbishop, who was here for a meeting with the President of the United States and the President of the United Nations General Assembly, brought greetings to the children from the sisters and brothers of South Africa.

Archbishop Tutu was invited to Central High School by the nationally run Cities in Schools Program, whose home base is in Washington, D.C., and which has a site based at Central High School.

The theme of the Archbishop's presentation was "It's the Stuff Inside Which Matters." He spoke about how God loves the youth and that God never creates trash and that each one of us is the best thing God ever made. He further stated that we are the property of no one except God. He said,

"Each of us has a special role to play in this world that no one else can play. God doesn't make trash, only originals."

Bishop Tutu encouraged the children not to allow circumstances to keep them down, and said that there are things that try to hold you down but they are only challenges and that children were made to soar to the sky. He gave a charge to the children to believe in themselves and they can do all they want to.

Finally, Bishop Tutu quoted an African proverb which he stated he quotes quite often, "Motho Ke Motho, Kabatho," which means, "A person is only a person through other people."

The children of Harmony House appeared to really enjoy the visit and felt it was an exciting moment. They were not only impressed with the Bishop but also his wife, Leah, and youngest daughter who accompanied him.

June R. Rodriguez-Simmons
Assistant Administrator

Flowers, Friends And Fun Found

Twenty-five (25) youth, ages 5 through 12 began learning about growing flowers and taking pride in their neighborhood's appearance through the newly formed Youth Gardening Club at Harmony House. Throughout the summer the club will be busy planting flowers, maintaining their gardens, learning more about plants and doing art and science projects connected to the garden. The children are looking forward to this

bona fide excuse to get up to their elbows in dirt.

This project was generously funded by the Unitarian Church in Summit, with the special assistance of members May Daniels, Susan Nanney and Louis Schindel. Staff and children learned how to plant with technical assistance from the Rutgers' Cooperative Extension Office and its 4-H Club.



Gardening enables children to learn life long skills and enhance their knowledge of the environment.

Home Friend's Retirement

Ollie Mae Barnes, who once was credited with saving a clients life, retired from Home Friends as of May 31st, 1993.

Ollie had been a Home Friend since the Home Friends Programs' inception under the direction of North Jersey Community Union in October 1984, and she remained with the program after New Community took the reigns in March 1987.

Since that time, she has been sought



Ollie Mae Barnes

after by many clients as word of her ability and sunny disposition spread. She was a credit to the New Community Home Friends Program as well as to the City of Newark.

Ollie treated you the way she would like to be treated — with respect. She was a joy to work with and we miss her already.

Zenobia DeVore
Central/Easat Ward Supervisor

Mt. Olive Church Helps

Volunteers from the Missionary Auxiliary of the Mt. Olive Church in East Orange are extending their aid to Harmony House by directing donation drives for the families. In the past the members of Mt. Olive have reached out to Harmony House through holiday food baskets. Lead by the Mission's president Emma Henderson, one successful clothing drive has brought much needed items to the homeless families at Harmony House.

Harmony House is in need of three (3) office style storage cabinets to hold the donations until distribution. If you can provide these in good condition, or funds towards their purchase, please contact Jennifer Olear at Harmony House, (201) 623-8555, Ext. 30.

Harmony House gratefully accepts donations of clothing, food, household supplies and arts/crafts supplies, as well as party supplies and tickets for sporting, cultural and educational events for the Youth Program. Please call Harmony House for information, (201) 623-8555.

Dad's Smile Is A Mile Wide

Lauren Knutowicz a student at West Orange High School and daughter of NCC internal auditor John Knutowicz garnered one of the Scholastic Writing Awards of 1993 national awards according to a letter received recently.

In the category of poetry she won an honorable mention for her work entitled "Twins Such a Night" which described the first time a young girl (age 10-11) is left home alone by her parents.

Only 217 students received national awards out of 25,000 entries. Judges were a panel of illustrious writers and editors.

Congratulations to both daughter and dad!

What Education Enhancement Means To Me

The Education Enhancement Class conducted by Felicia Holmes is not a traditional classroom course, rather it is a rewarding segment of the CET Training Program. Unfortunately, some people think because they might have a GED, H.S. Diploma or College Degree that learning has come to a halt. Well, guess what... it hasn't. Learning is an every day process.

Two students from the Educational Enhancement Class speak out:

"I think that the New Community CET Program has done a great deal for me. It has given me the 'push' that I needed. It has made me realize that you can do anything you want to only if you try hard and set your mind to it. I have met a lot of caring and supportive people during my training. I am grateful to everyone who has helped me succeed in reaching my goal."

Veronica Mitchell
"As a student in the New Community CET Program I must say with all my heart this program is a gift from God. We are blessed to have been chosen for such a program that will not only afford students skills, but an opportunity to become an intricate part of one's work force."

"The instructors believe in No-Nonsense. You must be on time; attendance a must. You won't get by with just any excuse. If you want to stay in this program you are here to succeed, but a positive attitude has made me see that with commitment and determination I will succeed in this program."

"The instructors are energetic, and eager to teach. They are patient and committed to teaching each and every course to the extent that we fully understand them. After each week of lecturing we are put to the test. The in-



Self-esteem and confidence are overflowing at Harmony House as Veronica Mitchell and Charlotte Neely work on education enhancement under the watchful eye of Felicia Holmes.

structors cheer us on when we do well, and never criticize when we don't, but work with us until we have mastered our skills. The hands on training makes us feel like we're really on our way."

"In the Home Health training course wearing the uniforms and being identified as part of the Health Care Team is a great incentive. Incentive to those of us who have felt forgotten, a little despondent because of certain circumstances (unfortunate). We have now picked ourselves up, left pity behind, stopped complaining or making excuses, and set our priorities in place to be anything. It has not been easy, but successful worthwhile never is."

"If there were more programs like CET, there would be less people seek-

ing aid and dependent on the city and or state, and more productive individuals who will become an asset to the community."

"In my conclusion, I would like to reiterate how appreciative I am for NCC CET and tell those who are the back bone of this program and future prospects of this magnitude, you will not only afford someone a chance to gain a skill, but secure a future... A future for themselves and their families."

"The look on our children's faces says it all — 'If Mommy can succeed, so can we.'"

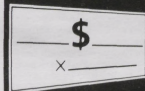
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Home Health Aide Day

May 12, 1993 was a day of celebration and many congratulations. It was Home Health Aide Day and festivities were held at the Garden State Art Center in Holmdel, NJ. Many awards were presented to Home Health Aides who had served communities for as long as 30 years. These awards were called the Marion Yaguda Awards.

There were also awards given to Home Health Aides for the title of "Home Health Aide of the Year." These diligent workers represented excellence in their chosen field. They were lauded for their high quality homecare services, as well as for their compassion.

From New Community Home Health Care, the Home Health Aide of the Year award was presented to Roberta Baker and to Thecla Muhamad. These Home Health Aides certainly fit the description of "diligent and compassionate" workers and we here, at New Community Home Health Care, salute them.

Lunch was delicious and we were entertained by an Elvis Presley impersonator who serenaded us throughout the meal.

Congratulations to all Home Health Aides for a job well done!

Sabreen T. Dawad



New Community congratulates our two Home Health Aides of the Year, Thecla Muhamad and Roberta Baker. Outstanding work, ladies!!

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Marketing Ideas Equal Business And Cash

When presented with the question, "How do people make money in America?" The majority response was, "With a J-O-B."

However, since attending classes with Master Teacher, Chris Meenan, of The National Foundation For Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) participants of the Youth Employment and Training Program will begin to differ to just the answer of a "job."

Since the beginning of class, which

this area and the expressive mental pictures he paints of being a successful entrepreneur. They are learning to identify their strengths and improve their weaknesses with each class. They now realize they must be optimistic in their thinking where others see problems.

Studying business and learning the business world terminology will not prove to be much of a problem with these students. If they lack com-



Tremendous student teacher interaction is the key to better learning.

started this June, students have been introduced to the world of business. They have learned many of the big businesses that exist today started out as small entrepreneurial ventures and that entrepreneurs are those individuals who had an idea, a vision to develop a new product or service and most often to better products or services already existing thereby satisfying a consumer need.

They now recognize through the instructions of their teacher, that successful entrepreneurs are the ones who possess characteristics of honesty, competitiveness, perseverance, self-confidence, drive, vision, understanding, organization, adaptability and risk-taking, to name a few.

Class members are totally engrossed with Mr. Meenan's knowledge in

prehension of a term while reading the Wall Street Journal. They can just check the glossary in the back pages of their guide for the young entrepreneur.

On the other hand if it's a question about how a particular business or product is doing in the consumer market, they can just turn to the stock market pages and read the answer for themselves or anyone else interested.

Before completion of this course, I wouldn't be surprised if readers of this article run into some of these aspiring entrepreneurs who are beginning to turn their ideas into small business ventures and most definitely "cash money."

Amanda Harrow
Youth Counselor

NCC/Pathmark Store Dedicated To Arthur Ashe

On Tuesday, June 29, dignitaries gathered at the New Community/Pathmark Store on Bergen Street in Newark in conjunction with the Pathmark Tennis Classic to dedicate it to and honor the legacy of Arthur Ashe and the children of the Safe Passage Foundation ABC Cities Tennis Program.

Mayor Sharpe James volleyed with youngsters on the Pathmark parking lot using a net set up for the occasion. Terry and Christine O'Reilly, two of the ranked tennis playing triplets from Bergen County, joined the Mayor in instructing the kids.

On hand were John Korff, tournament director for the Pathmark Tennis Classic; Anthony Cuti, Pathmark Executive Vice President and CEO; Safe Passage Foundation ABC Cities Tennis Program National Director Bob Davis and the Program's manager

Alice Hyatt.

The Safe Passage Foundation was founded in 1990 by Arthur Ashe to foster a better life for disadvantaged children through tennis and education. As part of the ceremony, Mayor James unveiled a memorial plaque to Arthur Ashe at the Pathmark store.

The 16th Annual Pathmark Tennis Classic will be held July 18-25 at Crossroads Corporate Center in Mahwah, New Jersey. Tennis stars Gabriela Sabatini, Jennifer Capriati, Mary Joe Fernandez and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere are among the prominent players who will participate in this prestigious tournament.

John McEnroe, who recently assumed the role of spokesperson of Safe Passage, is scheduled to play an exhibition match at the Pathmark Tennis Classic on Sunday, July 18, with all purse money going to Safe Passage.



Mayor Sharpe James (center) is flanked by Pathmark and New Community dignitaries as well as children from the Safe Passage Foundation at the Arthur Ashe memorial plaque dedication.

BABYLAND HEALTH FOCUS

Free Lead Testing At Babyland

by Lori Colyer-Aversa, M.D.



Many of us have heard of lead poisoning. In the past it was a major cause of illness for inner city children. Since the 1960's the City of Newark and other cities around the country attempted to get rid of what was thought to be the key problem; that is, to clean up the lead paint found in older apartment buildings. Local officials thought they were solving the problem, but instead they merely discovered the tip of the iceberg. Although it has become less common to see children die of lead poisoning, it remains one of the most common and preventable health problems in children today.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued a statement saying that new studies on lead reveal that blood lead levels previously considered to be safe are actually harmful to children. Lead can be found all over the city in water pipes, dust and soil. But children with poor nutrition and anemia have the greatest risk of poisoning.

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Teen Of The Month

On June 8, 1993, Tameka Hughley was chosen as Teen of the Month by her fellow peers in the Parent Child Center Program. The selection was made based on her participation in the classroom, workshops, fund raising activities and membership on committees. The girls are advised to select good role models for themselves and any future program participants.

Tameka came to us as a pregnant teen in September of 1990. She enrolled in our Pregnant Teen Program and received such free services as counseling, nutritional care, prenatal follow-up care, social activities and support groups for pregnant teenagers. Upon

the birth of her child, Tameka was then enrolled in the PCC Program where she has been an active participant since June of 1991.

As a participant in the program, Tameka attends educational workshops on child development and receives instruction that stresses positive parent-child interaction in the classroom. In the past she has been a parent member on Head Start's Policy Council.

Most recently, Tameka has decided to further her education by entering college or a vocational training program.

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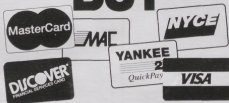
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She Has High Hopes For The Future

Carla Davis is a young woman on the way up. She has been living on her own for eight months now, works full time, and has high hopes for the future.

Life was not always so bright for Carla. She dropped out of high school in eleventh grade. She was only "half going" at the time, having fallen in with an older crowd who were already out of school and spending their time "just hanging around." When she got tired of that and began looking for work, she encountered one disappointment after another. Employers all required a high school diploma, even for temporary factory work.

Someone suggested that she apply to the IYO (International Youth Organization). She did well on the entrance exam and was accepted into their program which combines GED preparation and on-the-job training. Although she was in IYO less than a year, she experienced a variety of work: sanitation, day care, and social services with Sr. Margaret Kilpatrick at NC Manor Senior. There she helped decorate the community room for special occasions, and helped prepare NC Associates for the Annual Rev. Martin Luther King Youth Scholarship Dinner. When residents were discharged from the hospital, she gave them a little extra help, doing their laundry, food shopping, and picking up their prescriptions. She helped out with answering the phone in the Social Services Office, did outreach for the Meals on Wheels Program, and updated residents' Vials of Life.

One day Carla saw a notice about New Community's Home Health Aide training classes. Even though she enrolled in that program, she continued working with Sr. Margaret and studying for her GED.

Before graduation, the Home Health Care Program Director offered her a job working from nine to twelve hours on weekends. She accepted the offer. About the same time, IYO's funding dropped off. Even though Carla didn't expect to be offered more hours working as a Home Health Aide, something came up, and now she is working full time, serving three clients each day. Each one lives alone. One is a "handful, but special, set in her ways. She reminds me of my aunt. Another reminds me of my grandmother. The



Carla Davis

others are just regular. I do light housekeeping and laundry and go to the store for them. One isn't supposed to smoke and gives me a hard time because I won't buy cigarettes for her. We work it out."

Carla works every day, and every other weekend. She finds weekends more difficult "because I'm used to sleeping in. I'm not sure I can make it, but then I find myself going in and signing on the door (of the Home Health Care Office)."

Carla breaks into smiles when asked whether or not she enjoys being a Home Health Aide. "Yes, I do. People can't do it on their own and need help. Down the line my mother may need help. She can call me, and I'll know what to do."

By the time you read this, Carla will probably have her GED. When we talked, she had only one point to make up. Carla doesn't plan to stop there. Perhaps she'll take a Nurse's Aide course with Sr. Ann Tumulty (in NCC's new Job Training Program), or enroll in Essex County College.

Carla Davis would encourage anyone who does not have a high school diploma to "go and get it. You're going to need it." Further, she would encourage people to consider becoming Home Health Aides because "many people need help." Speaking with this bright young woman gave me the impression that the more people she is able to help, the happier she will be. With an attitude like that, she is sure to succeed.

Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett

A Grandmother's Pride Is Showing

Rosa Rivers who lives at NC Commons Seniors first called and then came to the Clarion editor's desk about granddaughter Melissa Richardson's graduation news - she was that proud.

And with good reason.

Melissa just graduated from Rutgers College of Nursing with academic honors and numerous awards. She was involved in many activities during her college career despite the fact that she is a single parent of four (but her grandmother helped make that possible).

Her list of awards reads like a who's who: The Jean Marshall Scholarship

Award, CN EOF Achievement Award for A & P, Rudin Scholarship, Donald T. Saunders Scholarship, CN EOF High Achievers Club, Outstanding Young Women Award, Northern Black Nurses Association Scholarship, and most recently an induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.

In addition, at the 8th Annual Honors and Awards Banquet on May 13, sponsored by the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program and the Nursing Development in Urban Settings/EOF Community Advisory Board, Melissa was chosen to receive the Dorothy Demio Professional Award in recognition of outstanding performance in two areas: Professional Advancement and Mothering. She also was the recipient of the M. Elizabeth Carnegie Award for Academic Excellence and Service to Others. Plans for the future include pediatrics or OB/GYN nursing and later, perhaps medical school.

Rosa Rivers certainly can tell a "good news" Clarion story when she sees one.

Thank you! and Congratulations!



Melissa Richardson

To Something Nobler We Attain

"There will be more joy in heaven over ninety-nine who repent than over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

Luke 15:7

God gives joy in sorrow, victory in defeat, light in darkness, and success in failure where those who view the past with perspective, explore the potential in the present, anticipate the future positively, seek Him.

At times, God has revealed some things to quite ordinary and penitent people and used them as vehicles to carry out His plans. He revealed to Moses, a murderer, who spent forty years in the wilderness, hiding from justice, His plan to deliver the Israelite slaves out of bondage; and Moses became one of God's great heroes.

A twin son, the second to emerge from the womb, holding his brother's heel, was Jacob named "heel snatcher" which came to symbolize his life, for he snatched everything. First it was his brother's birthright, then his father-in-law's two daughters, cattle, sheep, and goats. While fleeing from his irate father-in-law and equally irate brother, he spent the night by a little brook "wrestling with an angel" and himself. God touched him and he arose the next morning with a new name: "Israel," meaning "ruling with God."

William Cowper, eighteenth century English poet, became suicidal. Deciding to end it all, he took poison.

It didn't work. Then he intended to throw himself into the Thames River, he was fortunately restrained on the bridge. Next day he fell on a knife, and the blade broke off. At last he resorted to hanging himself; he was rescued when unconscious and revived. Following failed suicide attempts, Cowper picked up a copy of the Bible and began reading it. He found himself, and God who had sustained him through terrible times, and he eventually wrote the hymn: "God Moves In A Mysterious Way," the first stanza of which reads:

"God moves in a mysterious way

His wonders to perform;

He plants His footsteps in the sea,

And rides upon the storm."

Regardless of the false values we have embraced, the mistakes we have made, we can do better and become better. II Corinthians 5:17 gives us hope, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Despite the perils, despair, hopelessness of the past, it is not as important what tribulating experiences have done to us as our reaction to them.

"Nor deem the irrevocable past

As wholly wasted, wholly vain,

If, rising on its wrecks, at last

To something nobler, we attain."

Lewis Graves, Emeritus

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My Husband Built The Place

Not too many tenants can boast of the pre-Douglash-Harrison days! However, Mrs. Victoria Booker is very proud of the fact that her husband Richard was part of the construction crew crack in the early 1930's when Prudential began construction. She can attest to "how well built the complex is and, all things considered, it

it reflected the economy and society back then. Money was scarce and people had very little - one dress for work, and one dress for church. Why would you need a larger closet?!"

While I spoke with Mrs. Booker, I noticed a photo of a young man with his inscription on it. "To Mrs. Booker, the most loving 'aunt' in the



Mrs. Victoria Booker proudly displays a photograph of her grandparents that she keeps on the mantle in her beautifully kept apartment that she has lived in for the past 58 years!

has lasted pretty good," she says.

While Richard Booker was working on the construction of Douglass-Harrison, both he and his wife lived in East Orange. Victoria Booker applied for a civil service job, but Newark residency was required. As soon as the building opened on Barclay Street, they moved here. That was 1935! Fifty-eight years in the same apartment! Moving from an apartment with a large kitchen and dining room to one with a small kitchenette was an adjustment. But it was well worth it to secure her job of 30 years as a lab technician with the Public Health Laboratory. Victoria Booker is proud of having been the first black woman to work as a lab technician there. She truly is a pioneer!

Laughing about the closet space, or lack thereof, Mrs. Booker shared that

world." This was from the son of Yvonne Parramore, a former DH tenant, who has befriended Mrs. Booker and visits and calls her frequently. The morning of our interview/photo session Yvonne arrived early with plants to make sure she was in readiness. It is no wonder that Victoria Booker very lovingly refers to Yvonne as her "adopted daughter."

Family values, respect and concern for others, and moral decency are strong values that Mrs. Booker feels our society needs more of today. Most of all, people need "faith, something to hold onto when things get tough." She has lived this philosophy for almost 91 years! Perhaps, Richard Booker built Douglass-Harrison, but Victoria Booker has helped build a spirit of hope and love among us.

Sr. Yvette Arnold

Little League Baseball Arrives At New Community

Saturday, June 19, 1993, marked the beginning of the Inaugural Season of New Community Little League Baseball. This event was commemorated by a parade of six enthusiastic teams of 9 to 12 year old boys and girls, and their coaches, who now comprise the league. The parade concluded at the Hank Aaron Little League Field located at the corner of Prince and Court Streets where the first game was played.

The League's opening ceremony included some supportive and encouraging words by Councilman George Branch. Councilman Branch spoke to the teams regarding the importance of team participation and education. He

encouraged the children to stay in school and to stay away from drugs. His words were well received.

Playing in the opening game were the Yankees who outscored the Bulls to the tune of 21 to 14 to capture the League's first game. The remaining teams include the Cubs, Dodgers, Knights, and Rebels.

Funding for the New Community Little League is provided by New Community Corporation and various business and community sponsors.

The League operations are overseen by the Commissioner and Treasurer, Raymond M. Codey; President, William Hicks; and Vice-President and Secretary, Marcella L. Keene.



Excited youngsters proudly marched in the parade to kick-off the first season of New Community Little League baseball.

NCC Associates Is Sweet Sixteen

In the month of May 1978, New Community Associates received its first tenants. They were very happy to move into a brand new apartment; some weren't even completed.

My time came in August of that year. Being a little apprehensive, it took me a while to really enjoy my apartment.

Mr. Banker, the manager, with Mr. Chaneyfield, Sister Clare and Ellen Watson, began to organize the Inspirational Gospel Chorus and Arts & Crafts. A little later, Mr. Sterling Hill and Joe Graham started the Senior Citizen Club. Ms. Watson organized the Hostesses and Floor Captains. The Bingo Club came into existence later.

Along with their leaders the tenants kept 180 alive. There were Christmas parties. When other buildings came here, the Community room was crowded and festive. Some years there would be a Valentine Party and other social affairs. During this period of time, we felt the togetherness.

Today, things have slowed down a little. Some of us are not as active as we were fifteen and sixteen years ago.

There are a few who are still fighting a good fight, however Mother Lawrence, as she is called by most who know her, is a good example.

After being very ill for several months, she has made a great comeback. On the 16th of April, The Inspirational Gospel sponsored a Post-Easter Concert and she played and instructed us as usual, and is going about doing what she says God has given her to do.

There are a few of us, who came to New Community Associates in the early years with Ellen Watson, who are still doing what we can; what our health allows us to do.

We thank God, it is as well as it is. Phyllis Burton



Mother Lawrence is back and better than ever.

9th Annual Security Awards Ceremony



In an emotional moment, Security Officer of the Year Clarence Anderson, invited his mother, Mrs. Mabel Anderson, to pose for a photo with him as they are flanked by NCC board member Joe Chaneyfield and Security Director William Hicks.

On June 16, 1993, the Security Department held its Ninth Annual Awards Ceremony to recognize the officers who have contributed to the success of the department.

This year, there were some changes. William Hicks, Director of Security, said that, "It is time for us to recognize the major contributions from people inside of the department that have been crucial, but invisible in years past."

The Director also decided that though all officers in the Security Department are equal in their employment status, it was also time to give recognition to the "female" contributions to the Security Department.

Therefore, at the ceremony, when the top awardee's were announced, I can truly say there were some surprises, but little argument that each and every awardee truly deserved the awards that they received.

S/O Clarence Anderson, a relatively new officer, but an officer that has truly made an impact on the department, was chosen "OFFICER OF THE

YEAR."

This year, Director Hicks decided that the second highest award could not be given as it normally is as a single award, but had to be doubled, because of the contribution of two magnificent women who constantly contributed and provided assistance to this department over the years. The Directors Awards were presented to Ms. Donnell Brown and Ms. Cecelia Faulks.

The next award, the "Citizens Award" was presented to a person who not only contributed to the department in the area of youth development, but has worked unflinchingly to help with the total "New Community Youth Movement" throughout the corporation. The "Achievement Award" went to our Board Member and friend Ms. Mary Smith.

The other awards presented to the officers of this department were all well deserved, and speaking for Director Hicks, we extend our congratulations and say continue the good work for the balance of the year.



Recently retired Security Officer David Fitzgerald was presented with a special plaque by former Security Director Jim DuBose.

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Education At Forefront

The month of June was filled with fun and excitement for the NCC After-School Program. The students received a poignant message about homelessness and the importance of education through a character named "Lizabeth" who portrays a semi-elderly homeless Black woman. "Lizabeth" captivates her audience with her whimsical sense of humor and unique story telling style.

This month the children took pride in reading and listening to books that addressed African American themes and traditions — books such as "The Black Snowman," "Cornrows," "Three African Tales" and "African Dream."

The NCC After-School Program would like to thank NCC Serve America participants Aisha Carter, Kyle Moore and Brian Zachery for their volunteer efforts.

Group instructor Sharanda Evans took great pride in celebrating her graduation from Seton Hall University with students and staff of the NCC After-School Program. Ms. Evans received her BA and is now looking forward to receiving her Masters. She will be returning to Seton Hall in the Fall to continue her education. The NCC After-School Program coordinator Mary Powell, staff, and students would like to say, "CONGRATULATIONS, we are very proud of you. Keep up the good work."

Student Of The Month

The student of the month is Jessica Johnson. She is nine years old and attends Newton Street School. Jessica is a very talented young lady, who gets along well with the supervisors and other students.

There is a charm about Jessica that you can't help but become attracted to.

Congratulations, Jessica!



Sharanda Evans and Jessica Johnson.

Birthday Parties "Your Way"

The "People Dinosaurs" stopped by the World of Foods to help make Krystal Teahout's birthday party extra special. Krystal is the daughter of Rev. John T. Teahout, Pastor of Good Neighbor Baptist Church, Newark, and Mrs. Teahout.

Mrs. Teahout said, "I have four children and a seasoned birthday party planner, however, all I was required to do was bring Krystal and her friends. The World of Foods crew did all the work, especially the entertainment, food, and cleanup."



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Take Me Out To The Ball Game

On Wednesday, June 23rd, the seniors of New Community and their friends started off for their annual trek to Shea Stadium to see their "favorite" team in action. This year had been a rough one for the team; they definitely were not doing well. They had fallen into a deep slump, but there were those who believed they could pull out. Afterall, for the past seven years since the seniors had been going to the stadium, the Mets had always won, no matter how terrible they had been doing all along.

The day was a breezy but hot one and there was a sense of anticipation in the air as we waited for our tickets to be taken, so that seats may be found. The game was ready to begin.

The teams played hard. There were many missed opportunities, but the fans stayed faithful even to the very bitter end, when the Mets came away defeated yet one more time.

It was all right though, for the seniors still had their outing, and they had faith that the Mets still had time to pull it out and at least close the season on a respectable note.

There were already those who were making plans to make sure they did not miss next year's trip when, once again, the annual trip to Shea Stadium is placed on the calendar of trips and events.

Once a Mets fan, always a Mets fan!

Joyce Cook

NCC Youth Employment Training Graduation

An elegant graduation dinner dance and awards ceremony was the culmination of the NCC Youth Employment Training Program, supervised by The NCC Employment Center. The event was held on Friday evening, June 25th, in the Atrium of St. Joseph Plaza, NCC's corporate headquarters. This was a very special graduation because the young people who had completed the training and education program were high school drop-outs. Many had almost given up on themselves when they enrolled in the NCC Youth Employment Training Program in December 1992.

Since then, the 29 graduates have successfully completed on the job training in positions at New Community, completed vocational skills training courses at Essex County Vocational/Technical School, and completed the Adkins Life Skills and World of Work employability programs. New Community staff members served as mentors to the youths who were assigned to the job training at their sites. The basic program was funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Anti-Youth Gang Initiative.

In addition, a personal development component of the program was funded by the New Jersey Department of Human Services Minority Male Challenge Grant Program, the AT&T funded NCC Newark Adolescent Parenting Project, and New Community. The personal development activities included participation in an entrepreneurship training program provided by the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship; a two-day wilderness experience to develop team building and leadership skills; and a motivational workshop conducted by the Amer-I-Can program.

Tanya McKay, Administrator of the Employment Center, officiated at the Graduation Ceremony. Msgr. William Linder gave the welcoming address and exhorted the graduates to continue their education and job training. Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services, gave the philosophy and history of New Community and told the graduates to use NCC's strug-

gle as an example of overcoming great odds. She also commended NCC supervisors and Employment Center staff for the success of the program. Victoria Franklin, a YETP graduate, read a poem she wrote entitled, "Life."

Anthony Perry, a representative of the Amer-I-Can Program of California, presented the keynote address. Mr. Perry's address, dealt with developing the inner strength to overcome the barriers of poverty, drugs, and crime and cultivating the minds of the children that the graduates have or will have.

Mr. Perry also led a motivational workshop on Saturday, June 26th, which communicated the principles of the Amer-I-Can program, which are geared to helping urban youths to overcome drugs and crime acquire a sense of responsibility. Amer-I-Can was started by Jim Brown, former NFL football and movie star. Mr. Perry is the author of the true that was approved by the Crips and the Bloods, two notorious youth gangs that are located throughout California and the West.

The value of the program was summed up by several graduates Saturday, when they agreed that the most mature decision they had made in the past year, was to enroll in the NCC Youth Employment Training Program. Three of the graduates have enrolled in college, several completed the requirements for the GED, and the rest will continue in advanced skills training.

Amanda Harrow received flowers from the graduates as an expression of thanks for her work as their counselor. Florence Williams also gave flowers to Tanya McKay on Saturday for successful management of the program. Award recipients included: Most Improved, Satone Davis and Edward Rogers; Highest Achievement, Melissa Barrow, William Harper, Sharnell Lewis, Satone Davis, Sharek Rich, Tollie McGatt, Arlen Smith, Shareef White; Mr. and Miss Congeniality, Rene Craighead and Tollie McGatt; Wilderness Achievers, Reginald Rawlinson and Shakira Hill.

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Royal Coronation Of Ages

For twelve very special persons, Thursday, June 17th, will be the day they will long remember and cherish, for this was the day they were crowned Kings and Queens, as part of the Newark City Wide King and Queen Living Legacy Program.

This is one of many programs designed to give our seniors their flowers while they can still enjoy them and join in the celebrations of their accomplishments. The founder of these programs is Mrs. Kitty V. Taylor. Working with various officials and senior leaders throughout the City of Newark she has created numerous programs which allow our seniors to have "golden" years.

The names for Kings and Queens are chosen at random by a drawing from a pool of names which have been submitted by friends, relatives or social workers. All the names submitted are of persons who in some way have influenced others through their unselfish actions.

New Community seniors are always involved in positive things that are happening. To be sure, there was representation here also for two of our senior members among those to be crowned.

Mrs. Alma Hanks of New Community Douglas Homes was chosen as a Queen to represent one of the months. Mrs. Hanks is an extraordinary woman. She is unselfish with her time, talent, and patience. Mrs. Hanks has volunteered her time at various functions. Recently she held a class of fifth and sixth graders at Saint Rocco's School captivated, as she recounted her experiences as a child growing up in Newark, in the same neighborhood as their school. Mrs. Hanks is currently the Tenant Council President at NC Douglas and cares for her grandson a



Our "Queen" Alma Hanks, engages our "King" Willie Watkins in conversation during the coronation festivities.

few hours so that her own daughter can pursue her education. She is also a gifted poetess. She has been known to compose fine poems on a moment's notice. She is a quiet, modest refined lady of elegance; surely the title of Queen befits her.

Our King, Mr. Willie Watkins, resides at New Community Manor. He is every bit a gentleman. From the very first day Mr. Watkins moved into Manor Senior he has always been ready to lend a helping hand. He is not one to sit idle; Mr. Watkins would rather be busy helping someone than being helped himself. When he is not feeling well one would never know. On bus trips he is there to assist the ladies on and off the bus, to carry packages and offer that friendly smile which

means so much when you are feeling frustrated or alone. He is a King who has nothing but respect for his peers.

Mrs. Hanks and Mr. Watkins were crowned with the other ten winners at the Grace West Day Care Center. The Center received all the seniors with open arms and had arranged for the use of the community room, which was decorated with towers of balloons. There was a table of at least three large cakes which had been donated by various entities to help with the festivities and center bubbled from a magnificent fountain.

There were many public officials on hand to laud the praises of the winners and to bestow many resolutions, flowers and gifts on them. There were none more prouder than the relatives who had gathered to be part of the joyous occasions of their mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers.

The Queen of England has nothing on our Kings and Queens, for they with all their summer buns, sequins, glitter, pearls, smiles and old fashioned politeness, humor and wit have withstood the test of time and are evidence that things do get better with "AGE."

Total of our Kings and Queens, congratulations and keep on being just as you are — an inspiration to the rest of us, both young and not so young. May we, too, get to know what it means to reach the "Golden Years" with style and grace.

Joyce Cook

Get Ready For Seaside Heights

Seniors, it is your day for fun in the sun. Yes, we are planning our annual trip to Seaside Heights — the beach with the best boardwalk, best beach and fun spot of New Jersey.

Trip date is Thursday, July 22, 1993. We will be leaving from three senior buildings in New Community.

This trip is specially geared towards the seniors and as always they are given first preference to the seating.

If you think you would like to join us,

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According to Independent Sector, Washington, D.C., 94.2 million people volunteered in 1991. And yet, still many more Americans, who have much to give, are waiting on the sidelines. If you are one of those Americans who wants to become involved in your community and keeps promising yourself you are going to volunteer, now is the time to act on your pledge.

The Volunteer Center of Greater Essex County is currently seeking volunteers to give of their time, expertise, life experiences and knowledge in the Newark community. The Volunteer Center is a non-profit agency which matches individuals to suitable volunteer opportunities.

Volunteers engaging in community service work are seniors, men or women at home or in the workforce, individuals with disabilities and students. Volunteers can work on long term assignments or short term projects. Work can be done during the day, evenings or on the weekends. Finding a rewarding volunteer opportunity is as easy as picking up the phone. For more information on how you can become involved, call the Volunteer Center at (201) 678-8899 or write to 439 Main Street, Room 200, Orange, NJ 07050.

please contact the Social Service office as soon as possible, as this trip fills up very quickly. The person to contact is Ms. Joyce Cook, Program Coordinator, New Community Social Services, 220 Bruce Street, Phone 623-6114. To get all the details on how you might become a part of this "Fantastic" trip be sure to call early.

Joyce Cook

Senior Day At The Newark Library

A day made by God, sun high in the sky golden and radiant, reflected the spirit of those who were gathered at the Main Library in Newark.

This day was special. After months of anticipation the hour had arrived for the swearing in of the 1993 Honorary Senior Director of the Newark Library, Mrs. Marie Carson, a resident



Library director Alex Boyd congratulates Marie Carson.

of New Community Commons. Mrs. Carson received this honor as a result of placing third in the Annual Golden Age Fashion Show held at and sponsored in part by PSE&G in September.

The program was opened with greetings from Dr. Alexander Boyd, Director of the Newark Library, followed by a heartwarming rendition of the "Lord's Prayer," by Mr. Richard Magette. The Reverend Willie Rouse gave a spirit filled invocation which truly set the tone of the goodness of life.

Dr. Alex Boyd welcomed all those gathered. A special thanks was given to Michelle Lindino, special coordinator for Senior Programs who or-

chestrated this lovely program.

The temperature outside was sweltering, but, in the Centennial Room of the Library, there was a peaceful calmness.

Mrs. Kitty Taylor gave a little background of the event as part of the "Living Legacy Program," started to keep the seniors in the city filled with vitality and to provide avenues for them to display their talents and continue to be a source of inspiration.

All the colors of the rainbow were aglow around Mrs. Carson, as she was called forward to be sworn and to receive her Resolution and various other gifts from family and friends.

Under the direction of Mr. Victor James, the Newark City Wide Senior Chorus rocked the rafters with a joyful noise. Black music is also celebrated during the month of June; there was no shortage of it here, for there were truly inspirational sounds coming from every corner and what more appropriate place for such an occasion and music. The Library is the archive of all times, of all ages; our building blocks which contain experience and mortar from the past, fuel from the present and dreams for the tomorrow.

Mrs. Carson is the proud matriarch boasting a lineage of two daughters, 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Mrs. Carson has always been a worker; at times she held two jobs and loved both. She says of herself, "Don't like to sit down. Love to be busy. No room for the devil's workshop."

Congratulations, Mrs. Marie Carson, Honorary Senior Director of the Newark Library.

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La Noche Internacional

The best travel bargain in town was offered on Friday, June 11th. Three hundred happy travelers came together to share a good time. This was a trip guaranteed to span the globe, take you to places far away, fill your stomach with international cuisine, and your ears with the national sounds of various countries.

Where could such a fantastic voyage have set sail from? Why, at Saint Rose of Lima School, of course. What better place to take a "dry land" cruise. In a parish and community so rich in cultural diversity it was really easy to map out a course of direction.

The travel agents, who were the planning committee, had the arduous task of contacting representatives from across the globe. Representatives were needed to participate in an international show of fashions. These fashions were not your everyday items but the traditional costumes used for various ceremonies or special occasions.



HAWAII — Andrea Cook-McKay
Angela Carey

sions. For some of our agents not only did they have the task of finding representatives, but also, of actually creating and making the various costumes, to be worn. A real lesson in cultural exchange.

As with anything there is always a lot of behind the scenes activity that is undertaken. This was no exception. But, let us get on to the real excitement. The day of the cruise.

At about 1:00 p.m. the school's auditorium was transformed into the grand ballroom of the finest cruise ship this side of waters. The tables were covered with colorful cloths of all the nations and labeled with luminous signs depicting the many nations of our people. There were flags of every nation aligned on the stage and one could sense an air of adventure was about to occur.

At about 6:00 p.m. the travelers began to arrive, many came themselves wearing traditional clothing depicting their country of



LIBERIA — Ruth Baysah

origin. At the front of the stage were tables set up for the food contest. It did not take long for this area to fill up with eye appealing, taste tantalizing dishes. The judges for this contest definitely had their "mouths" full. The



ETHIOPIA — Doreen Upsom
Abraham Amare

variety ranged from a festive arrangement of Mexican pastas to Arroz y Gandules (beans and rice), barbecue pigs feet, French quiche, Queen Anne cakes, Indian banana pie, Swiss cream cheese cake and so many more. It was difficult to keep our passengers from sampling all the goodies before the judges. However, the chefs had prepared a bounty of food for all to enjoy. These dishes spanned the globe to include the best of all cultures. Everyone knows that when you are on a cruise the main objective is to eat, eat, and eat some more. This was sure-



AMERICAN INDIAN —
Sr. Joan Lorraine, Lavinia Green

ly accomplished.

Appetites having been satisfied, it was time for the show. Fashions from around the world were brought out narrated by our "Swiss Miss," Ms. Gayle Chaneyfield, blond hair and all the charm of a perfect hostess. We were treated to costumes from the American Indian tribes of the Choctaw and Santa Maria Indians, Spain, Hawaii, Ghana, India, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, Liberia, Nigeria, Scotland and many others. Each outfit was different and unique.

Along with the narration of the outfits, Ms. Chaneyfield had taken the time to research a little background about each of the countries and shared this information as our tour guide.

Next on the agenda was a talent contest, also very diverse. There was an intergenerational dance group that performed the national dance of Puerto Rico and another duo performing the national dance of El Salvador. The winners in this category went to the dancers of Puerto Rico.

In the category of singing groups we

Climbing St. Rose's Ladder

On Tuesday, June 8, the kindergarten class of St. Rose of Lima School held its graduation exercises in St. Rose of Lima Church. There were some thirty-eight graduates present to receive their diplomas, certifying that they have learned the necessary readiness skills for entry into grade one.

Parents delighted at the class presentation of things the students had learned during the school year. Chad McPherson, a member of the honored group, was selected to lead the young graduates as their "Teacher for the Day," through several rote exercises and math drills.

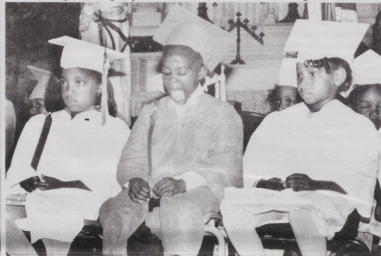
Stephanie Arrington, of Creative Images, delivered the keynote address in which she reminded the graduates and their parents of their achievement as she sang "We Are Climbing St. Rose's Ladder on the Way to First Grade," to the tune of "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." Ms. Arrington, was no stranger to the group. She had

conducted parents' workshops and teacher inservice training sessions at St. Rose for several years. She is the former Director of the Chapter I Program at Essex County College, servicing the parochial schools in the City of Newark.

As tradition had it, Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, Principal of St. Rose of Lima, escorted by both kindergarten teachers, Ms. Geraldine Wise and Ms. Sondra Britton, led the procession of graduates from the school building to the grand steps of Old Rose to signal the start of the Commencement. Adorned in red gowns for boys and white for girls, the class drew many stares along Orange Street as both pedestrians and traffic came to a pause and admired.

Ms. Rita Carey, teacher aide, also assisted with the program and the reception that followed.

Geraldine Wise
Kindergarten Teacher



Even the most exciting things can get a little boring sometimes. This little boy tries his best to remain focused.

heard from "Base Harmony," a group of dynamic young men who are juniors at Arts High. From the sounds that they are making together, their future should look very bright. The other group in competition with them was "The Three A's," our own ladies from Babyland, Alice, Alice and Alma. These ladies know how to make the house rock with real spiritual rhythm. The winners in this category were "Base Harmony." Five young men who can go as far as their mind and spirits will allow. The last category was for soloists. Mrs. Elisha Rivera ac-

Mr. Richard Maggette, a singer with the Newark seniors and winner of the 1991 Talented Senior competition in Atlantic City, sang the Lords Prayer as it had not been sung before. The winner in this category went to Mr.



MEXICO — Madge Wilson

Maggette. Congratulations to all the participants, because without them our cruise would not have been complete.

Awards and certificates were given to all and the rest of the evening was filled with dancing and fellowship as well as preparing to disembark from such a fantastic voyage of sailing around the world in 6 hours.

Sounds like a journey worth repeating next year? If you were fortunate enough to join us this year let us know how you enjoyed it and what you might like to see for the next trip.

Joyce Cook
Program Coordinator



PHILIPPINES — Soledad Alston

compagnied by her son, Robin, who also is a musical instructor at the Newark Community School of the Arts, sang a country love song from Puerto Rico. From the New Community Security came Jennifer Wicker, who put her all into singing one of Whitney Houston's popular songs. Alma Reed, came forward and sang a hand clapping gospel melody which had the house on its feet.